

Memo

To: CVMC Governing Board Members
From: Bill Havert
CC: Katie Barrows, Clara Slifkin, Kerrie Marshall
Date: September 6, 2005
Re: Cancellation of September Board Meeting

After discussion with the Chairman, it has been decided to cancel the September meeting of the Governing Board as there are no items requiring urgent action. The Board did express its desire at the last meeting to adopt a resolution of appreciation for the many years of dedicated service by Al Muth as Chairman. This action item will be on the November meeting agenda. In the interim, a letter has been sent to Dr. Muth by the new Chairman, Stanley Sniff, expressing the Board's and staff's appreciation for Dr. Muth's many years of excellent service to the Conservancy.

By way of updates, the 791 acre Lazar property, being acquired by the Friends with a grant from the Conservancy and other funding sources, is scheduled to close escrow on about September 19th. We will probably have some form of dedication ceremony after the cooler weather arrives. Escrow is also expected to close shortly on the 80 acre Astleford property in the Edom Hill area, being acquired by the Friends with a grant from the Conservancy. Escrow is expected to open within the next week or so for the acquisition being pursued by the Friends in Whitewater Canyon, also funded in part by a Conservancy grant. The Friends expects a long due diligence period with escrow anticipated to close in early 2006.

Staff is exploring acquisition funding sources through grants and is coordinating with BLM, USFS, the Friends of the Desert Mountains, and the Center for Natural Lands Management regarding their acquisition programs to facilitate continued acquisitions in the Coachella Valley.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 14.